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SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS and COUNCILMAN CURREN PRICE CELEBRATE GROUNDBREAKING OF NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTH LA

Residences on Main Will Provide Affordable Supportive Housing for Families and Transition Age Youth in South LA

Los Angeles, CA, April 11, 2019 – Officials from the County and City of Los Angeles celebrated the groundbreaking of Residences on Main located at 6901 S. Main Street in South Los Angeles. Residences on Main, a joint venture between LA Family Housing (LAFH) and Coalition for Responsible Community Development (CRCD), will provide 50 units of affordable housing including 25 units for chronically homeless Transition Age Youth and 24 families experiencing homelessness.

"The Residences on Main demonstrates our collective commitment to help our most vulnerable Angelenos. It is a symbol of hope, opportunity and new beginnings that will not only provide a roof for formerly homeless young people and families, but it gives them a lifeline and hand up," commented Los Angeles City Councilmember Curren Price. "To date, I have authorized the construction of hundreds of permanent supportive housing units such as the Residences on Main in my District because I recognize the colossal need and great sense of urgency."

CRCD provides on-site support services to residents of its permanent supportive housing complexes to promote economic self-sufficiency, housing stability, and family well-being. The organization will be the lead service provider for Residences on Main and will provide on-site case management among other supportive services.

"Residences on Main is a significant and tangible example of CRCD's community economic development efforts where, in partnership with LA Family Housing, we will bring 50 units of much needed Permanent Supportive Housing to the area," commented CRCD President and CEO, Mark Wilson. "This development will take what was once a 'problem property' which had been condemned by the City Attorney's office and replace it with an enhancement to the community."

Centrally located near commercial shops and multiple transit options, Residences on Main is designed to stabilize and integrate families into the surrounding community. Communal areas including community rooms, a toddler play space, and computer lab offering opportunities to connect with neighbors and family members. The design also includes a central courtyard and community garden to provide green space for rest and play.

LA Family Housing was founded to support low-income families experiencing homelessness and poverty in South LA. Since its inception in 1983, the agency has grown to become one of the largest and most comprehensive homeless services providers and real estate developers in Los Angeles County. Now with over 35 years of experience in building affordable housing, LAFH is excited to partner with CRCD and return to its origins for a community revitalization.

“We also know that to ensure the likelihood of success and well-being, we need multiple strategies and services to end homelessness,” stated L.A. Family Housing President and CEO, Stephanie Klasky-Gamer. “Building affordable housing is the answer to ending the homelessness crisis in LA, but if we want to prevent people from falling back into homelessness again, we need to give people the tools they need to thrive. The combination of housing plus supportive services are critical to breaking the cycle of homelessness in people's lives.”

CRCD serves as the Regional Coordinator for the Coordinated Entry System for Youth in South LA. As Regional Coordinator, CRCD is responsible for organizing youth-serving institutions that provide access & initial assessment to homeless young people through regional case conferencing, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administration, and prioritization into a range of housing resources for homeless youth across South LA.

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CRCD was established by community leaders to bring resources to underserved youth in South LA including workforce development, education programs, permanent supportive and affordable housing, as well as opportunities to serve and lead in their own neighborhoods. Today, CRCD has connected nearly 3,000 young people with diplomas, jobs, and housing; currently manages a combined investment of \$103 million in South LA real estate with their partners which includes 316 units of affordable housing with on-site case management services; and operates a City of Los Angeles Economic and Workforce Development Department sponsored WorkSource Center and a YouthSource Center that support low-income individuals with job placement, workforce training, and work experience.

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The mission of LA Family Housing (LAFH) is to help families and individuals transition out of homelessness and poverty through a continuum of housing enriched with supportive services. LAFH addresses multiple needs through real estate development, temporary housing, and permanent rental housing. These options are all linked to supportive services. With this model, the agency reaches more than 11,000 homeless and low-income children, parents and single adults annually.

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